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SUBJECT: TAJIKISTAN - REQUEST BY PRESIDENT RAHMON TO MEET WITH SECRETARY CLINTON ON THE MARGINS OF UNGA

CLASSIFIED BY: Necia L. Quast, Deputy Chief of Mission, EXEC, DOS.

REASON: 1.4 (b), (d)

¶1. (C) On September 8 Ministry of Foreign Affairs Director for North America and Europe Khusrav Nosiri gave PolEcon Chief a diplomatic note, dated September 8, requesting a meeting between President Rahmon and Secretary Clinton on the margins of UNGA between September 22 and 25. Nosiri said Rahmon would remain in the United States only during these dates. Embassy supports this meeting request, in light of Tajikistan's growing significance to our efforts in Afghanistan, and the importance of personal contact in the Central Asian cultural and political context.

¶2. (SBU) Following is the text of the note. Post requests Department guidance on responding to this request:

Begin Text:

Complimentary Opening... and has the honor to announce that His Excellency Emomali Rahomn, President of the Republic of Tajikistan, will take part in the work of the 64th United Nations General Assembly from 22 to 25 September, 2009 in New York.

In connection with this, the Ministry would be grateful for the organization of a meeting of His Excellency Emomali Rahmon with Her Excellency Hillary Clinton, Secretary of State of the United States.

Complementary Closing.

End Text.

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